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TO CHILEAN FOREIGN MINISTER, APRIL 6

1. " I HAVE ASKED TO BE PERMITTED TO ADDRESS THE ASSEMBLY VERY BRIEFLY, AND I NOTE WITH REGRET THAT THIS IS MY FIRST INTERVENTION IN THE DEBATES OF THE ASSEMBLY. I ADDRESS THE ASSEMBLY NOT WITH ANY PURPOSE OF INJECTING ANY FURTHER NOTE OF CONTENTION OR ACRIMONY INTO THESE DIS- CUSSIONS, WHICH HAVE BEEN NOTABLE GENERALLY FOR THEIR SERIOUS AND CANDID ADDRESS TO THE PROBLEMS FACING THE INTER- AMERICAN SYSTEM AND THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES. THE PURPOSE OF MY VERY BRIEF REMARKS IS, RATHER, SIMPLY TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN REMARKS INCLUDED IN THE ADDRESS OF OUR DIS- TINGUISHED COLLEAGUE, THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF CHILE,
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REMARKS WHICH REFER SPECIFICALLY TO POSITIONS OF MY GOVERNMENT.

2. " THE EXPOSITION OF THE DISTINGUISHED FOREIGN MINISTER OF CHILE CONTAINED VARIOUS ELEMENTS TO WHICH THE DELEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES COULD LEGITIMATELY AND RIGHTFULLY TAKE EXCEPTION. NEVERTHELESS, IN THE INTEREST OF NOT DIVERTING THE ASSEMBLY FROM ITS IMPORTANT TASKS, AND IN THE INTEREST OF NOT CONTRIBUTING, ON THE PART OF THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION, TO ANY HISTERIA, CONTENTION, OR ACRIMONY, I INTEND TO LIMIT MYSELF AT THIS TIME TO ONE BASIC POINT. IT REFERS TO THE ACCOUNT GIVEN BY THE DISTINGUISHED FOREIGN MINISTER OF CHILE OF THE COURSE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES CONCERNING BROAD ISSUES BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS, NOTABLY DEBT AND COMPENSATION.

3. " NOT UNEXPECTEDLY, THE ACCOUNT OF THE EVOLUTION OF THOSE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS WAS A UNILATERAL ONE, A PARTIAL ONE, AND IT DOES NOT REPRESENT, IN THE VIEW OF THE DELEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES, A FULL ACCOUNT OF THE EVOLUTION OF THOSE NEGOTIATIONS. I DO NOT INTEND TO TAKE THE TIME OF THE ASSEMBLY TO GIVE A MORE ACCURATE ACCOUNT AS MY GOVERNMENT SEES IT. I WILL SIMPLY SAY THAT THE DESCRIPTION OF THE POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES IN THOSE DISCUSSIONS, AND THE INTERPRETATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, PARTICULARLY AS IT RELATES TO THE CONTROVERTED QUESTION OF COMPENSATION, AS THAT DESCRIPTION AND THAT INTERPRETATION ARE INCLUDED IN THE TEXT OF THE CHILEAN DELEGATE' S REMARKS, ARE, TO SAY THE LEAST, ONE- SIDED, INCOMPLETE, AND THEREFORE MISLEADING.

4. " DESPITE THE SOMEWHAT NEGATIVE INDICATIONS CONTAINED IN THE ADDRESS OF THE DISTINGUISHED REPRESENTATIVE OF CHILE, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES WANTS TO MAKE VERY CLEAR THAT IT HAS MADE ABUNDANTLY AND CONSISTENTLY AND FORMALLY CLEAR TO THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES IS PREPARED FULLY TO CONTINUE THESE DISCUSSIONS IN AN EFFORT TO RESOLVE THE SERIOUS PROBLEMS THAT CONTINUE TO EXIST BETWEEN TWO SISTER NATIONS. WE HAVE REJECTED NOTHING. FOR OUR

PART, WE HAVE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT THE POSITIONS EXPRESSED

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BY THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE, AND WE ARE STUDYING THE POSITIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE WITH A VIEW TO DETERMINING HOW WE SHOULD PROCEED IN THE CONTINUATION OF THOSE TALKS.

5. " IT IS OUR EARNEST HOPE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE IS UNDERTAKING THE SAME TASK; THAT IS, THE STUDY OF THE PROPOSALS MADE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES, OF THE POSITIONS ADOPTED BY THE UNITED STATES; SO THAT AFTER FURTHER CAREFUL STUDY, AFTER RESUMPTION OF THESE DISCUSSIONS IN ANY VARIETY OF FORMS-- AND THERE ARE MANY AVAILABLE TO US-- WE MAY PROCEED TOGETHER TOWARD AN EFFORT TO RESOLVE THOSE ISSUES.

6. " I WILL TERMINATE BY REFERRING TO THE REMARKS OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES, REMARKS CONTAINED IN HIS ADDRESS OF THIS MORNING. THE SECRETARY SAID:

' THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS COMMITTED TO THE PACIFIC SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES BY THE PROCEDURES SET FORTH IN ARTICLE 24 OF THE CHARTER AND WILL COOPERATE FULLY WITH ANY GOVERNMENT THAT WISHES TO SOLVE A PROBLEM ON FAIR TERMS THAT RESPECT THE INTERESTS OF BOTH SIDES. IN MOST CASES VARIOUS PROCEDURES ARE POSSIBLE, BUT THE POINT OF DEPARTURE FOR ANY SOLUTION IS GOOD- FAITH NEGOTIATIONS IN A SPIRIT OF COMPROMISE.'

7. " FOR OUR PART, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO PROCEED IN THAT SPIRIT." ROGERS

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